

cides including DDT as well as those insecticides which have been restricted/banned in developed countries and are being used in our country.

(d) The Committee as stated in part (a) of the Question require elaborate data on safety parameters. The data requirements inter alia encompass the field health monitoring survey data to ensure safety to the users/farmers. This is also in consonance with the recommendations made by the Scientific Advisory Committee on pesticides of the International Association of Occupational Health in its 5th International Workshop.

Setting up of Regional Offices of CFCB and NFDC at Hyderabad

1614. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations for setting up a Regional Office of the Central Film Censor Board at Hyderabad ;

(b) whether Government have also received representation to set up the office of the National Film Development Corporation at Hyderabad ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has already been decided to open a Regional Office of the Central Board of Film Certification at Hyderabad. It is expected to become operational shortly. In the case of the National Film Development Corporation also, it is proposed to open an office at Hyderabad, but due to finan-

cial constraints, it has not been possible to do so.

Provision of Potable Water in Rural Areas of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

1615. SHRI SITARAM J. GAVALI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the drinking water bore wells provided in rural areas are out of order in Dadra and Nagar Haveli ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide potable water to the rural population ; and

(c) the alternative arrangements made to provide portable water in the event of failure of borewells ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) No such report has been received by this Ministry from the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Administration.

(b) and (c) : Does not arise. According to the survey of problem villages conducted in 1980, no problem villages have been reported by the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Administration.

Drought in Phulabani District of Orissa

1616. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Phulabani District in Orissa is presently reeling under severe drought :

(b) if so, the measures taken to provide adequate relief in the affected areas ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) According to the memorandum received from the Government of Orissa 13 districts including Phulabani were affected by drought during post monsoon period 1984.

(b) and (c): According to the information received from the State Government the following relief measures in the district of Phulabani have been initiated:

- (i) Facility for supply of water from Lift Irrigation Point and through diesel pumps was extended to the cultivators at subsidised rates to raise rabi crops;
- (ii) Rupees One lakh fifty thousand was sanctioned for construction of cross bunds to provide life saving irrigation as well as labour intensive works to affected people;
- (iii) Rupees nine lakhs was specifically allotted for undertaking labour intensive works in affected areas;
- (iv) To mitigate scarcity of drinking water fifty tube wells are being installed in unidentified villages of the district; and
- (v) Prior to this, during 1984 Rupees six lakhs was also sanctioned to the district for installation of thirty tube wells.

The Central Government have released a sum of Rs. 500.00 lakhs as "On Account Payment" to the Government of Orissa for meeting the urgent expenditure pending the issue of final sanction. Moreover, the State Government have got Margin Money of Rs. 871 lakhs for meeting emergent expenditure on relief.

Tissue Culture Techniques for Plant Propagation

1617. DR. K. G. ADIYODI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the crops in which tissue culture technique has been successfully introduced for propagation;

(b) whether this has been attempted to coconut also;

(c) if so, with what results;

(d) the encouragement being given to Indian scientists who did the work on account in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the farmers can expect coconut seedlings produced through tissue culture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The National Seminar on Plant Tissue Culture held in March, 1983 identified the following crops where technology has been developed to the level of exploitation:

Fruits: Citrus, banana, pineapple and pomegranate.

Spices: Cardamom, ginger and turmeric.

Ornamentals: Orchids, carnation, gladiolus; bougainvillea, chrysanthemum and ferns.

Forest trees: Teak and *Eucalyptus*.

Commercial crops: Sugarcane.

Medicinal plants: Glycyrrhiza, jojoba and *Dioscorea deltoidea*.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute of the Indian Council